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USCINCEUR AND CINCUSNAVEUR ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: MARR MNUC ZM
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISITS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN--
ALEXANDRIA

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1. WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION OF USS LITTLE ROCK, VISITS OF U.S. WARSHIPS TO ALEXANDRIA HAVE HAD TO BE WORKED OUT PERSONALLY BY AMBASSADOR WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN/MINWAR GENERAL GAMASY AND DEPUTY PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY. THERE HAS IN THE PAST BEEN SOME EGYPTIAN POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF U.S. WARSHIP VISITS, LEST THIS BE INTERPRETED IN AREA AS GOE HAVING PROVIDED "NAVAL FACILITIES" TO USG AFTER OUSTING SOVIETS IN 1976. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE FEW MONTHS AGO OBTAIN GENERAL GAMASY'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO EIGHT U.S. NAVAL VISITS A YEAR. AT THE MOMENT THE ARRANGEMENT IS THAT EACH SUCH VISIT SHOULD BE A SINGLE SHIP. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER A REQUEST FOR SIMULTANEOUS VISIT OF TWO VESSELS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ONE OR TWO VISITS. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLORED FURTHER AS WE MOVE ALONG.

2. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, INITIAL NPW VISIT WAS THAT OF USS CALIFORNIA TO ALEXANDRIA IN MID-OCTOBER 76. BEFORE REQUESTING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THAT VISIT, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH GAMASY, FAHMY AND PRIMIN MAMDUH SALEM THE FACT THAT VESSEL WAS NPW AND OBTAINED THEIR APPROVAL. APART FROM SOME LOGISTIC PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM ACHORING SITE OFF ALEXANDRIA, VISIT WENT WELL.

3. ASSUMING ME SITUATION REMAINS QUIET IN MONTHS AHEAD, BELIEVE GOE WOULD AGREE TO VISITS BY ONE OR MORE CRUISERS (SEPARATELY)

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AND ALSO TO ANOTHER AIRCRAFT CARRIER VISIT. WITH PRECEDENT SET FOR NPW VISIT, SUCH VISITS SHOULD PROCEED ROUTINELY IN ABSENCE ANY UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING NPW VESSELS WHICH MIGHT PROMPT GOE RECONSIDER POLICY.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE SOME IDEA ASAP RE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR VISITS.

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